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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Melekian, Joseph, et al  
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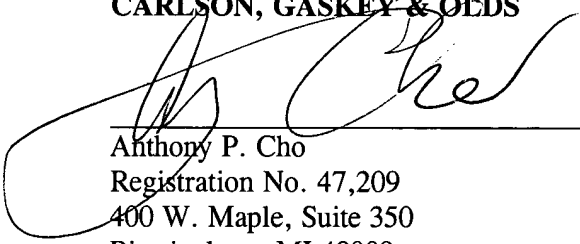
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 97 and in compliance with Rule 56, Applicant hereby makes of record the items listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed items are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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